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Lava Beds and the Tule Lake Unit Join National Find Your Park Movement

National Park Week 2015 Encourages Everyone To Find Your Park

TULELAKE, California – Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit – WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument join parks, programs and partners across the country to encourage everyone to find their park and share their stories online at FindYourPark.com. Launched this week by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, Find Your Park is a public awareness and education campaign celebrating the milestone centennial anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 and setting the stage for its second century of service.

Find Your Park invites the public to see that a national park can be more than a place -- it can be a feeling, a state of mind, or a sense of American pride. Beyond vast landscapes, the campaign highlights historical, urban, and cultural parks, as well as the National Park Service programs that protect, preserve and share nature, culture, and history in communities nationwide.

"Find Your Park" is also the theme for this year's <u>National Park Week</u>, April 18 – 26. To kick off the celebration, entrance fees will be waived at all national park sites on April 18 and 19. This is a great time to visit Lava Beds National Monument, learn about our country's history, explore the dark underground, and soak in the high desert expanses. Also, keep an eye out for the Lava Beds 2015 Earth Day newsletter, which will provide insight into park-wide ecofriendly activities and introduce ways for visitors to *find their park* throughout Lava Beds!

Visit www.NationalParkWeek.org to learn more about how you can join parks, programs, and partners in celebrating National Park Week across the country.



Lava Beds National Monument - Ross Chimneys (NPS Photo)

Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email <u>labe interpretation@nps.gov</u>, or go to <u>www.nps.gov/labe</u>. Like us on Facebook; follow us on Twitter!

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 407 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.